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ICC introduces Schools of Academics

Itawamba Community College has launched an innovative determination of majors method designed to enable students to connect better with their selected field of study as well as with their cohorts in the same area.

All academic majors at ICC are now being grouped into schools,which are tailored to the institution to which students plan to transfer or career fields in which they wish to work, according to Dr. Michelle Sumerel, vice president of instructional services.

In addition, this transition creates strong cohorts of students within the schools to provide peer support and more intensive preparation for college and career success.

Sumerel said that ICC is the only community college in the state that uses the Schools of reference; however, others are utilizing a similar approach.

ICC schools include arts, business, both career and general education, general studies, health sciences, health-related, humanities, legal studies and STEM, Sumerel said. Division chairs or selected faculty have been designated as points of contact for each area.

Sumerel said that about four years ago, ICC's Business Division, under the leadership of Dr. Edana Nail, began its conversion to a School of and has served as a model for this initiative. The pilot program, which continues to serve as a pathway from orientation to graduation, has been extremely successful, Nail said. "We have seen tremendous growth in majors and graduation rates, which has allowed us to expand by offering internship opportunities starting in the spring semester. We have also developed a multipurpose lounge to serve as a collaborative space to be used for purposes such as meetings with industry partners, school of business events/presentations and peer tutoring." Nail emphasized that the center includes expanded technology to enable students to work with each other as well as on research projects. "We are giving the students a real collegiate experience and a seamless transition to either a university or to the workforce." Nail said that several local schools have reached out to tour ICC's business department as a result of the transition. "We are connecting with workforce, industry and students quicker, which is incredible."

"The division into schools will be especially beneficial to those students who are underprepared or struggling and repeating courses because through the ACCESS initiative, ICC will provide the tools necessary to be successful in college," Sumerel said. The first semester for the ACCESS student will focus on writing, reading comprehension, computer skills, the college experience and an introduction to their prospective schools. - ***See Schools, page eight.***

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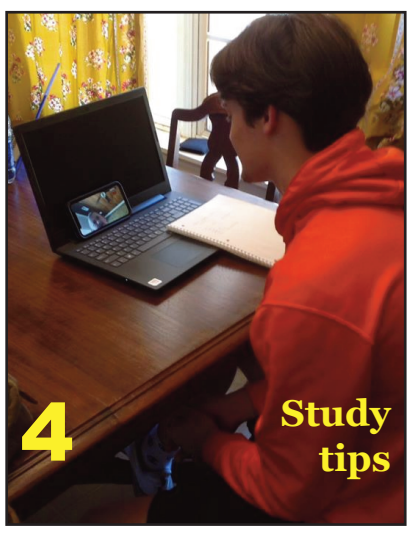

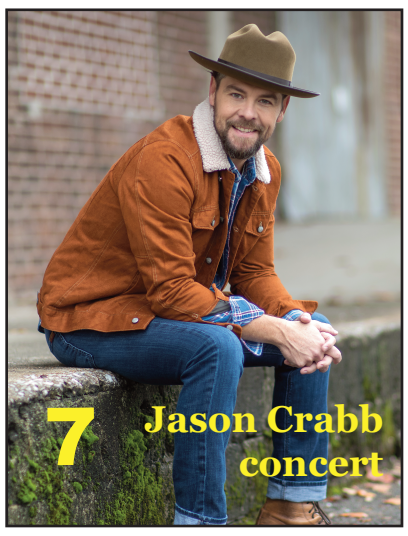

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SHELBY TUTOR
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Turkey... or ham??

Turkey or ham?

That seems to be a common feud between holiday dinner tables.

College degree or go straight to work?

With the holidays and new year quickly approaching, many young adults are preparing to graduate from high school next year with some also debating what to do afterward. The world can be a frightening place for those who have never experienced it before.

For younger and older adults,the thought of college is scary for them to walk into. Sure,being in regular school for 12 years was not a piece of cake, but most of them will be leaving their friends or having to make larger than life decisions for their future.

Much like our grandparents having the never-ending ham vs. turkey debate, college or workforce is the same.

Often the ones thinking of college haven't figured out their degree. Some do, but will change it a few times throughout their journey into college life. That is not to say that changing a major is a bad thing. I have changed mine FOUR times.

As a current student, I have never been around a more welcoming crew...The teachers, students and atmosphere are enough to make one just want to hang around until something pops up for us. There are so many encouraging staff at ICC, and they make it easy to get help in directing us with the best way to succeed.

Have you decided turkey or ham yet?

If not, there is also the option of trying out both. You can work and determine your schedule and feelings on the college experience. What matters most when it comes to getting a job is a rather old debate. Does that higher degree get your foot in the door, or does your past work experience help you obtain a spot on the ladder with the greats? In my personal experience, doing what works best for me has always been my go-to.

We, as humans, push ourselves too hard and end up getting overwhelmed with life and the things that determine our wealth. A simple first step would be contacting your adviser or a counselor to see what is the best avenue to take for your future educational goals.

Arguably, when trying to get that family dish prepared, the conversation usually sounds something like this, "Turkey is too dry, where ham is sweet. Turkey makes a better sandwich and is lighter on calories."

In the long run, the benefit of higher education is difficult to dispute. The ideal mix of education and experience in the workforce can vary from field to field. While a graduate degree is important for some jobs, it may be of little value in others.

Some good pointers for prospective students would be to gather some fellow classmates and start a discussion to determine what each of you have planned for your futures. - ***See Turkey or ham, page seven.***

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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OPINION POLL

What do you think...

"What is the best advice you would give yourself?"

"Take advantage of the things that are in front of you. Do not be so anxious to get into the future that you leave yourself missing the past."
Reese Cantrell
Sophomore
Amory

"Probably to stop being so overcritical of everything I do."
Lily Wright
Sophomore
Red Bay, Ala.

"When something starts to get tough, remember the reason why you're doing it."
Sam Smaglick
Sophomore
Amory

"Don't compare yourself to others. Everyone runs their own race. You're on the right track, and you're doing just fine."
Cate Dill
Sophomore
Nettleton

"Don't worry about the little things."
Morgan Miller
Sophomore
Red Bay, Ala.

"Listen to your own advice."
Owen Beasley
Freshman
Amory

"Don't hesitate."
Spencer Griffie
Sophomore
Amory

"To stop worrying and stressing myself out about things that are out of my control."
Anna Gregory
Sophomore
Pontotoc

"Start letting go of things more easily. I constantly stress over everything whether it is in my control or not, so if I would just quit worrying and give it to God, I know he is in control and will assure everything will be okay. When I do that, a weight is lifted off my shoulders and I enjoy life more."
Emily Edmundson
Sophomore
Vardaman

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VIEWPOINT

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Today is important... use it wisely!

Today is the most important day of your life. You will never be younger than you are today, nor are you promised tomorrow. The only time of your life you have control is right now.

I feel like we tend to forget this. It's so easy to get caught up in the way things were or how good things are hopefully going to be in the future. You cannot go back to times past, and in order to have the future you want, you must work toward it today.

I find that it is super easy to just throw all my problems on tomorrow or next week. I can be given an assignment three weeks before it is due and start on it three hours before the deadline. By just putting in a little effort today helps save you from overwhelming stress later.

Think about it. If you were assigned to cut down 140 trees in a week, would you rather cut 20 trees a day or wait until the last day have to cut down 140? The answer is simple. Even if you could technically cut down 140 trees in one day, why would you wait until the last day to do it?

Same goes for regular day-to-day functions. You could do the dishes today, or you could let them pile up until the task seems too daunting to start. It is so much easier to just do a little every day and get it over with when compared to wasting today and ruining your tomorrow.

However, this doesn't just apply to tasks you need completed. Let's say life isn't going your way, and you want a change. Maybe there is something you need to do less of or something you need to do more of, or maybe there's something new you want to learn how to do. You could plan all you want, but until you set the plan in motion, that's all it will ever be...a plan!

About four years ago, I made it a goal to learn how to play the piano. It started as an idea, and as the days passed, that's how it stayed. I always thought, "I've always got tomorrow, no need to rush." Well, four years later, and I know next to nothing about piano. If I had only started those four years ago rather than putting it off and wasting every day between then and now, then I would most likely be pretty adept at it today. I can honestly say it is one of my biggest regrets.

If you want something, you should go out and get it now...or, if it applies to classes and goals...do it now. Why wait until tomorrow to start working on your drawing skills? Why wait until New Year's to start working out? Get ahead of the game and start working toward those goals TODAY! You will thak yourself for four years down the road. The results won't be immediate, but they will be here quicker than if you put it (or anything) off until tomorrow!

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Faculty SPOTLIGHT

KEITH MORRIS

English

FAMILY: *Married to Shannon; sons, Parker and Connor*

EDUCATION: *bachelor's degree in psychology and bachelor's degree in English, University of Mississippi; master's degree in English, Mississippi State University*

COURSES TAUGHT AT ICC: *English Composition I and II, Writing for Publication, Literature, British Literature*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: *Itawamba Community College since 2008*

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: *"Meeting new people and helping students learn."*

NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: *"Grading."*

ADVICE TO STUDENTS IN CLASS: *"Come to class. Follow directions. Do schoolwork. Do not let a bad day outside of class ruin a good day in class. Ask for help."*

ADVICE TO STUDENTS IN GENERAL: *"Students are never alone in academic or personal troubles. Teachers are here to help."*

INTERESTS: *"Writing...Poetry...Songwriting...The Beatles...Family...The show, Cheers."*

MACKENZIE TUTOR
Staff Writer

ICC student leaders provide a warm welcome to all who visit any college location.

ICC enrollment up this fall

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's fall enrollment has increased even during turbulent economic times, according to figures released recently by the Mississippi Community College Board.

With full-time enrollment beginning at more than 4,700 and an increase in credit hours, the increase equates to 1.3 percent.

The increase is determined by comparing enrollments for the 2021 and 2022 fall semesters. In August, ICC opened Magnolia Hall, a state-of-the-art residence for honors students and student leaders at the Fulton Campus, which accommodates 246 additional students, and an increased emphasis has been placed on student activities, said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen.

"This is very exciting news, since the increases are in headcount, full-time equivalencies and credit hours and places us on an upward trend to pre-pandemic enrollment," Allen said. "The increase in the number of students that ICC is serving is significant because we have additional opportunities to provide a solid educational foundation and the best start for those in our five-county district and beyond."

"Statistics show that the more students are engaged on campus, the more successful they will be in the classroom," according to ICC Vice President of Student Services Dr. Brad Boggs. "Having an attractive, comprehensive student activities program plays a major role in attracting students to attend ICC and subsequently an opportunity to retain students once they enroll." Boggs credited ICC Coordinator of Student Activities Taylor Tutor with building a student activities program for all three locations - Fulton, Tupelo and Belden - by listening to ICC's students and staff and providing programs/events that are of interest to all.

In comparison to all other higher education options in the state, both public and private, ICC has the second lowest cost of tuition and fees combined.

While the updated enrollment figures include online, academic and career education classes, it does not include workforce totals, which are not measured on a semester basis, Allen said.

"Because of the dedication of ICC's faculty and staff, our Board of Trustees and external funding support, we continue to provide an affordable and quality option, which has been documented by WalletHub in its consistent ranking of ICC as among the leaders in the state and the naming of ICC as a top 25 semifinalist for the prestigious Aspen Prize," Allen said.

"In addition, the work of our recruiters, enrollment services division and community relations team has contributed to the increase in enrollment."

Allen also noted that data from the Institutions of Higher Learning shows that ICC produces more graduates that when they attend any of the state's eight universities, they generate the second highest number of bachelor's degrees by transfer students. They also graduate with a higher GPA than the student who started at the university. - ***See Enrollment Increase, page six***

Pageant deadline Dec. 9

Staff Reports

The deadline is approaching for contestants to enter ICC's Most Beautiful Pageant.

According to cosponsor Jessi Stevenson, entry packets must be submitted by Dec. 9.

"Don't miss your chance to win the coveted title of ICC's Most Beautiful 2023 and up to three ICC Foundation scholarships sponsored by ICC's Travel Tribe. Visit Most Beautiful Pageant (iccms.edu) to download the packet.

William Winter Scholar

Lynn Millender selected as ICC's representative for '23

Staff Reports

Lynn Millender of Amory, Social Science Division chair, point of contact for the School of Humanities and criminal justice and sociology instructor, has been selected as ICC's William Winter Scholar for 2023.

She will be among statewide recipients honored during opening and closing ceremonies at the 34th Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration, Feb. 23-24.

Millender, who joined the ICC family in fall 2008 as an adjunct faculty member, became full-time in spring 2011.

She earned both the bachelor's and master's degrees and additional graduate hours, all from Delta State University. Her educational background also includes the ABA graduate certifications in business transactions law from the National Center for Paralegal Training and certificate of executive leadership from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University.

At ICC where she previously served as eLearning academic adviser, College Life instructor and Criminal Justice Department chair, Millender is currently a member of the eLearning and curriculum committees, the College Council and the ICC Fulton Faculty and Staff Association. She has been a compliance officer at Mississippi State University, the University of Missouri-Columbia and Vanderbilt University; director of the Amory Regional Museum and prevention specialist for the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

Lynn Millender

Her awards and honors are writer and codirector of the Amory Canteen Corps Oral History Project in connection with the Library of Congress' Veteran's History Project and the Amory High School Advanced Placement History class (2002-03). She also served as the first official spokesperson for the Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell Scholarship Foundation and was the grant writer for the successful $200,000 award from the Mississippi Arts Commission supporting the 2003 City of Amory Museum Expansion Project.

Millender's civic and church activities include current president of the Amory High School Volleyball Booster Club and previous member of the Amory Historic Preservation Commission, Amory School District Professional Development committee and Monroe County Career and Technical Center CRAFT committee.

Millender and her husband, David, have two children, Billy and Emmy. They are members of the Meadowood Baptist Church in Amory.

The Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration is one of the state's most significant annual conferences devoted to literature, history, film and culture. It is cosponsored by Copiah-Lincoln Community College, the City of Natchez, the Adams County Board of Supervisors, Visit Natchez, Mississippi Arts Commission, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Mississippi Humanities Council and The National Park Service.

This year's theme is "The Better Half? Fact, Fiction or Fable."

The BEST start here!!

FYI
MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Transferring?
Here's what to do

Staff Reports

Students who are transferring at the end of the fall semester can receive their transcripts online at ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, under the admissions link, according to Rachel Steele, director of admissions and registrar.

There is a $10 fee.

Transcripts are important, Steele said, because they show all official records of student performance: major, courses taken, degree and cumulative grade point average.

Steele noted that they are used for scholarships or college transfer.

"Students should check with the college where they plan to transfer for the transcipt deadline as soon as possible," Steele said. In addition, they should contact ICC's Admissions office to see if there are holds or other issues on their account that could possibly restrict the release of the transcript.

If there are no holds or other issues, the transcript will be sent within 24 hours.

Students should remember that final grades are not included on a transcript issued before the end of the semester. After final grades are submitted, a second and final transcript will be required. Even though students graduate in December, they are still able to particpate in the 2023 May commencement ceremony.

Adult Learner Scholarship
Application deadline nears

Staff Reports

Jan. 15 is the deadline for the Adult Learner Scholarship for those enrolling in the 2023 spring semester at Itawamba Community College.

To apply for the scholarship, students must be 21 years of age or older and enrolling in classes to pursue a degree. Full-time recipients, who are enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours, will receive $2,000 ($500 per semester), and part-time recipients, who are enrolled in a minimum of six hours, will receive $1,000 ($250 per semester).

The Adult Learner scholarship must be used in consecutive semesters. Eligibility must begin the first semester of attendance and cannot be used more than once. It is for students who begin enrollment for the 2023 spring term.

Day and evening, academic, career education, eLearning and workforce classes are available in Fulton, Tupelo and Belden.

Those who are interested and qualify can apply online at www.apply.iccms.edu.

For more information, contact Candace Thomas, assistant director of financial aid, at (662) 862-8261 or email scholarships@iccms.edu.

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2021 Community College Report Card

Itawamba Community College recently published its 2021 Report Card, which is made available by the College in compliance with House Bill No. 1071 approved during the 2010 Mississippi Legislative session. The bill created an Education Achievement Council, which was established to set educational achievement goals for institutions of higher learning and community colleges in the state and to assist in monitoring progress toward those goals.

The Community College Report Card, designed to reflect the unique mission of community colleges, includes metrics on student enrollment; completion, success, retention, progress and remediation; workforce training; high school equivalency and adult education services.

The results in the 2021 Report Card demonstrate achievement for Itawamba Community College. ICC ranked higher than the state total percentage based on figures for 2020-21 in student success measures of university parallel, Associate of Arts degree and Associate of Applied Science degrees conferred per 100 full-time enrollment; total student success; retention; first-time, part-time and full-time progression rates and placement of Career and Health Science graduates. Workforce Training generated 65,057 contact hours of training or 21 percent of the state total with 13,168 enrollments as well as awarded 588 National Career Readiness Certificates. The adult education program awarded 106 high school equivalency certificates and enrolled 399 in adult basic services,which is nine and nine percent respectively of the statewide totals. The adult education program also had a 53.4 percent measurable skills attainment.

For ICC's complete Report Card, access http://www.iccms.edu/Accountability

Among the study tips for final exams include not procrastinating, note taking, preparation and consistency. Exams for traditional ICC fall semester classes begin tomorrow.

Exam preparation includes not waiting until last minute

Staff Reports

Attending college is a big step. Students experience anxiety, stress and depression. One of the primary reasons is classwork.

Every student wants to attain honors, but it takes hard work and dedication. Most strive for not only an 'A' on their final exams, but also on their final grades.

In order to make success happen, Nathan Ward, director of instructional support, has a few tips.

The first step in being prepared for an exam, he said, is not to procrastinate.

"Do it now," Ward said. "When we wait to the last minute, we don't give ourselves any margin for things that might come up. You might get sick. You might have a flat tire. You might get invited to something fun, and you can't do it because you waited until the last minute. The earlier the better, and it also helps prevent text anxiety."

Students tend to delay studying because they want to go out with family and friends, Ward said. "That is very important, but it is also vital to make time for study."

The second step is note taking, Ward said. "We miss a huge studying opportunity when we don't take notes in class. If you take notes, you're studying in class. It helps you to remember important information. If you process this information well while it's being presented, it will be easier to remember when you're studying outside of the class." Sometimes note taking can be boring, but at the same time, it helps.

The third step is how to prepare for exams. According to Ward, "Put the phone away! Set a timer for 25 minutes. Don't get up. Don't study anything but that one subject. Take a five-minute break to walk around and come back for another 25 minutes."

Cell phones can be a huge distraction to study. Once the phone dings, students are eager to click through social media accounts. Therefore, it is very important to ensure that cellular devices are nowhere in sight.

The fourth step, Ward said, is consistency. Students must be consistent in their study. "Motivation is big. If a student is not motivated to do well, it's hard to want to do well. It will open doors. The more you succeed, the harder you work. Quitting is going to close doors. Keep going because you will never know how that hard work will pay off."

Long nights of studying can be overwhelming, Ward said. "Decide when you're going to study. Not all of your tests will be on the same day. If a student has an English test on Monday and math on Wednesday, study for the English test first. Break them up. Focus on what's due first."

Ward said that following these four tips will help students avoid stress at exam time or any time.

Take it slow, he advises, and focus on what is important at that time.

Practice makes perfect

ICC's assistant director of marketing C.J. Adams, left, talks with members of the Fulton Fire Department during a recent drill at Magnolia Hall. ICC is preparing instructional videos to ensure a safer environment.

Enrollment Increase
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"We are always excited to hear that more students have chosen to become a member of the ICC family," said Michael Holloway, director of recruitment and orientation. "I truly believe that ICC provides the best instruction in academic transfer, career education and health science programs. We pride ourselves on having something for everyone. The many resources available to students at the Fulton, Tupelo and Belden locations enhance the overall student experience and help ICC students achieve success. From the first time a student arrives to an ICC location or start one of our fully-online programs to the day they complete their degree or certificate, ICC provides wraparound services throughout the entire process."

Merry Christmas!

Meeting Room
CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

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Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
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For more information on ICC clubs and organizations, www.iccms.edu.

Residents check into Magnolia Hall at the beginning of the 2022 fall semester. The check-out deadline for all residence halls is by 4:30 p.m., Dec. 9, for those who will not return in the spring. The halls reopen Jan. 9 at 1 p.m.

Moving out of the residence halls? Here's what to do...

Staff Reports

Are you planning to move out of the residence halls this semester? Are you unclear what to do?

Students who are not returning in January must officially check out after their finals, according to Kaitlyn Stanfield, coordinator of Housing and Residence Life.

Students who check out must return their key and sign an inventory sheet before 4:30 p.m., Dec. 9, with their Hall Director.

Those who are returning for the spring semester should take home only what they need for the break, Stanfield said. That will include clothes, books and/or anything of value.

Residents who are returning in the spring will not check out of the halls. They will go home for break and return in January, Stanfield said.

She noted that residents should unplug their microwaves and remove any foods or drinks that could possibly spoil over the long break.

The Housing office rolled existing residence hall students over to the spring semester Nov. 29, and students have been assigned to their existing rooms for the 2023 spring semester.

Students who will not return should notify the Housing office by email so that charges can be removed.

Checking out officially must occur within 12 hours of the last exam, according to Stanfield. Students must contact their RA or hall director before the last exam to set up a check out time.

"Two recurring problems happen each year...students forget or don't realize that the only people who will check out after finals will be the ones who will have to return their key and sign the inventory sheet," Stanfield noted.

"If the key is not returned, they will be fined. The second recurring problem is that students who are coming back in the spring try to check out, and they do not have to."

There will be room claim in the spring next year.

Residence halls will close on Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. for the fall semester and reopen Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. for the spring semester.

More information is available from a residence hall director or at kgstanfield@iccms.edu or housing@iccms.edu.

ICC Honors program more than good grades

ANNA GREGORY
Staff Writer

The Honors program at Itawamba Community College includes a group of high-achieving students, which is to be expected.

They make good grades, but they also work diligently in their community, according to adviser/director Robin Lowe.

During the 2023 spring semester, the Honors College will have a new pathway for all currently enrolled honors students and those who are newly admitted, Lowe said.

Requirements for the Honors program include a GPA of 3.5 or higher the semester before entry.

The same GPA is required for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, Lowe said, with 12 completed semester hours of classes. Those who are eligible will be notified via Canvas message.

ICC has two chapters of Phi Theta Kappa - Upsilon Sigma at the Fulton Campus and Beta Tau Sigma at the Tupelo Campus.

Lowe, who is contact adviser for the Upsilon Sigma chapter, said that among the projects this semester have included partnering with the STEM Club to design a mini golf course for Crossroads Ranch.

The members are also planning a recruiting project where they will ask other students what they love about ICC.

An additional project, Lowe said, is a collaboration with administrators on the CC Smart Initiative, which will feature PTK member videos about why they chose to attend Itawamba Community College.

Lowe said that a new class will be offered this spring for those interested in PTK.

Calliope to feature student work

Staff Reports

The work of several students will be featured in The Calliope during the 2023 spring semester at Itawamba Community College.

The poets and their work include Connor Monaghan of Amory, "Light Poles;" Sophia Martin of Amory, "Hirseth;" Jordan Allen of Ridgeland, "Birth;" Madeline Conner of Dorsey, "Just Pictures;" Sydney Freeman of Houston, "The Rain;" Ally Melendez of Plantersville, "Gentle Monstrosity;" Emily Moorman of Pontotoc, "The Day after Valentine's Day;" Maddie James of Tupelo, "Invisible Man;" Ta'Niya Patterson of Tupelo, "Leaves are so free" and Kent Humphries of Vina, Ala., "The winter tree stands tall."

In concert

Itawamba Community College's choral groups, including the choir and chamber choir, perform Nov. 5 at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

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To Know More?

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Student Government	Coor. of Student Activities
Transcripts	Student Affairs
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Contact information available at www.iccms.edu by clicking on the area of interest or by searching the college directory at the same location.

Columbus artist Tanner South poses in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center gallery immediately following hanging his work which will be on display until Dec. 9.

Tanner South displays work in Fine Arts gallery

Staff Reports

The work of Tanner South of Columbus will be on display in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Gallery at the Itawamba Community College Fulton Campus until Dec. 9.

The exhibition entitled "Charm and Chaos: A Collecive of Aesthetic Forms Through Decadent Textures" features mixed media paintings, prints and wall assemblages.

South said that his work is "inspired by imagination and visionary forms. My paintings embody the textures, colors and nature of my own dreams, nightmares or subconscious renderings. I find it hard not to physically want to touch some of my paintings myself. It's a sort of textile stimulation that I think I sort of feed into when I'm creating the textured pieces."

South said that he doesn't "let the orderly left brain of my day job stop my right brain from cathartically creating and making a mess in the studio. Whether it's with multiple mediums at once or with shapes of upcycled treasures to use in conjunction with other forms, it's always fun to push the limits of myself."

Smith works full-time doing laboratory blood analysis for Baptist Hospital-Golden Triangle in Columbus.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on the days that the college is closed. For more information, contact Shawn Whittington at eswhittington@iccms.edu or call (662) 862-8301.

ICC's Griffie to receive Humanities Council award

Staff Reports

Judith Griffie of Amory has been selected as Itawamba Community College's Mississippi Humanities Teacher Award nominee for 2023.

Griffie will be honored at the Mississippi Humanities Council Awards Ceremony in the spring.

Griffie earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University. Since the fall of 2009. she has served as a full-time psychology instructor, transitioning into that position from adjunct status which began in 2005.

Previously, she was a mental health therapist with the Region III Mental Health Center initially serving children through crisis intervention and later providing mental health services to adults and the elderly.

Judith Griffie

At ICC, her activities have included serving as an adviser for the Beta Tau Sigma Chapter (Tupelo Campus) of Phi Theta Kappa, for which she received the Regional Hallmark Paragon Award in 2012. Griffie is a member of the ICC Fulton Faculty and Staff Association and of Meadowood Baptist Church where she is active in the choir.

Griffie and her husband, Sam, have two children, Ashley and Spencer.

As part of her selection, Griffie will make a presentation related to humanities during the spring semester. A date will be announced at a later time.

Enrollment Increase
From page three

"We are always excited to hear that more students have chosen to become a member of the ICC family," said Michael Holloway, director of recruitment and orientation. "I truly believe that ICC provides the best instruction in academic transfer, career education and health science programs. We pride ourselves on having something for everyone. The many resources available to students at the Fulton, Tupelo and Belden locations enahcnce the overall student expeirenceand help ICC students achieve success. From the first time a student arrives to an ICC location or start one of our fully-online programs to the day they complete their degree or certificate, ICC provides wraparound services throughout the entire process."

Are you checking your ICC email?

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Fall 2022 Calendar

December 5 .....Grades due at noon, eLearning full-term classes

December 5-8 ...Final exams, traditional full-term night, eLearning second eight-week and eLearning second four-week classes

December 6-9 .....Final exams for traditional full-term day classes

December 7-8 .....Final exams for traditional second eight-week classes

December 9 .....Grades due at 8 a.m. for traditional second eight week classes and at noon for eLearning second eight-week and second four-week classes

December 12 .....Grades due at 8 a.m. for traditional full-term day/night classes

December 15 .....Offices close at 5 p.m. for Christmas/New Year's Holidays

Spring 2023 calendar available www.iccms.edu

Fall 2022 Exam Schedule

Traditional Full-Term Classes

Day

Reg. Mtg. Day/Start	Final Exam
MW 8/8:15/8:25 a.m.	Dec. 7 - 8:10 a.m.
MW 9:25 a.m.	Dec. 7 - 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
MW 10:50 a.m.	Dec. 8 - 8-10 a.m.
MW 12:10-12:35 p.m.	Dec. 7 - 1-3 p.m.
MW 2:25/3/3:20 p.m.	Dec. 9- 1-3 p.m.
TR 8/8:25 a.m.	Dec. 6 - 8-10 a.m.
TR 9:25 a.m.	Dec. 6 - 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
TR 10:50 a.m.	Dec. 8 - 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
TR 12:35 p.m.	Dec. 8 - 1-3 p.m.
TR 2:25 p.m.	Dec. 8 - 1-3 p.m.
F 8/8:15 a.m.	Dec. 9 - 8:10 a.m.
F 10:50 a.m.	Dec. 9 - 10:15-12:15 p.m.

Night

Reg. Meeting Night	Final Exam
Monday	December 5
Tuesday	December 6
Wednesday	December 7
Thursday	December 8

Grammy and Dove award winning Jason Crabb will perform a Christmas concert, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

Jason Crabb to perform ICC Christmas concert

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will present "Christmas with Jason Crabb," Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center at the Fulton Campus.

In his career, Kentucky-born Jason Crabb has won two Grammys and 21 Dove awards, including the Gospel Music Association's Dove Awards Artist and Male Vocalist of the Year and a host of industry and recognitions with chart topping hits that inspire the multitudes. Among his honors, he is the youngest member to be inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, and his hometown of Beaver Dam, Ky. recognized him by naming a street as Jason Crabb Drive.

Since his first solo release in 2009, he has performed on many of the world's most prestigious stages, such as Carnegie Hall, the Grand Ole Opry, the Brooklyn Tabernacle and Billy Graham's final crusade in New York City. He has shared the stage with artists such as Gloria Gaynor, Kari Jobe, Vince Gill, Mary Mary's Erica Campbell, Donnie McClurkin, Wynonna, Brad Paisley, Blake Shelton, Michael W. Smith, Jamie Grace, Sandi Patty, the Oak Ridge Boys and more as well as appeared on NBC's "Celebrity Apprentice" and alongside Duck Dynasty's Willie Robertson. Crabb has been featured and covered by multiple media outlets, including People Magazine, Fox News, Country Living, Billboard, USA Today, Entertainment Tonight and Country Weekly and was named one of Nashville's Most Beautiful People by Nashville Lifestyles Magazine. He is also frequently seen on television hosting on TBN, appearing on awards shows and television specials for a variety of networks.

Tickets, which are $25 general admission, are available at the Fulton and Tupelo Campus Business offices, by calling (662) 862-8002 or by emailing concerts@iccms.edu.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Seats are first-come, first-served. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door the evening of the concert.

Mr. and Miss ICC, Hall of Fame nominations close January 10

Staff Reports

Nominations for Mr. and Miss Itawamba Community College and Hall of Fame are now available online.

The forms are due on Jan. 10 by 3 p.m. through online links: Hall of Fame - https://bit.ly/ICCHallofFame2022 and Mr. and Miss ICC - https://bit.ly/MrMissICCNF.

Students can be nominated by faculty, staff, students, clubs/organizations, residence halls or athletic teams for Mr. and Miss ICC.

The sponsors/coaches from student clubs/organizations, residence halls or academic teams must submit the nomination after discussing the nominee with their respective group, according to Coordinator of Student Activities Taylor Tutor.

Each faculty/staff member, student/club organization, residence hall or academic team may nominate only one male and one female.

Tutor said that nominations will be reviewed, and selected nominees will be interviewed by the Student Honors Selection committee, which includes faculty and staff members, to determine the top three female and male finalists based on their interview and nomination. The student body will vote on the top three female and male candiates electronically via myTribe.

The Mr. and Miss ICC election is scheduled for Jan. 31, and a runoff, if needed, Feb. 2.

Only faculty and staff can nominate deserving students for Hall of Fame. They must demonstrate integrity and achievement through leadership activities, community and campus life involvement as well as academic achievement.

The nominating procedure includes

*Faculty or staff member can nominate up to four students for Fulton and four students for Tupelo/Belden to represent academics; up to two students to represent career education and up to two students to represent health science.

*Nominations will be reviewed, and selected nominees will be interviewed by the Student Honors Selection committee composed of faculty and staff members to determine the Hall of Fame finalists. The President's Cabinet will grant final approval of Hall of Fame recipients.

*A total of 12 recipients will be selected for the ICC Hall of Fame.

*If there are not enough nominations represented in a particular program field, the Student Honors Selection committee can select other students from the nomination pool.

Turkey or ham?

From page two

You could possibly see if others have some tips or ideas that could help everyone make that next step or just create a buddy system along the way.

Strong schools build strong communities. We are the building blocks of our future...the foundation of success. Your voice matters on what is set on the table before you...just like turkey or ham. Whether or not you choose to go to work full time or stay in college and try out the diffeerent aspects of that life is up to you.

We must follow our own paths, but it's important to lift others up along the way. Let us end each day with laser-focused efforts to impact not only ourselves but the lives of those around us.

So, if turkey is our leaving high school and going straight to college, and ham is our workforce or trade school, which one is a better option for you?

HAPPENING Now

Dates to Remember

Staff Reports

December 5

Donut Stress
Tupelo Campus
Academic/Student Center - 7:30 a.m.

Tea Time with Fulton Nutrition
Fulton Campus
Crane Pavilion - 9-10 a.m.

Pet A Puppy
Tupelo Campus
Academic/Student Center - noon-1 p.m.

Math Mondays
Fulton Campus
Crubaugh Technical Education Building 101
Beginning Algebra - 5-6:30 p.m.
Intermediate Algebra - 6:30-8 p.m.

ICC Wind Ensemble
Fulton Campus
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center - 6:30 p.m.

Late-Night Breakfast
Fulton Campus
Dining Hall - 8-10 p.m.

December 6

Donut Stress
Belden Center
Training Entrance Lobby - 9:30 a.m.

Brain Break
Fulton Campus
Library - 1-2 p.m.

Wesley Foundation Meal/Worship
Fulton Campus
6 p.m.

Christmas with Jason Crabb
Fulton Campus
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center - 7 p.m.

December 7

Donut Stress
Belden Center
Training Entrance Lobby - 9:30 a.m.

Pet a Puppy
Fulton Campus
Crane Pavilion - 9:30 a.m.

December 8

Orientation for December Graduates
Tupelo Campus
Academic and Student Center - 1 p.m.

December 14

Bake Sale benefitting Association of Educational Office Professionals
Fulton Campus
David C. Cole Student Services Building
Outside Dining Hall
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

January 10

Hall of Fame, Mr. and Miss ICC Nomination Deadline

For more information on all ICC events
www.iccms.edu

Itawamba Community College's Associate Degree Nursing students, from left, Kasey Homan of Fulton and Madison Collins of Shannon, have received financial awards from the Mississippi Nurses Foundation.

ICC's Homan, Collins receive NSF financial awards

Staff Reports

The Mississippi Nurses Foundation has presented a $5,000 stipend to Itawamba Community College's Kasey Homan of Fulton and a $1,000 scholarship to Madison Collins of Shannon.

Homan, who is majoring in Associate Degree Nursing, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Mississippi Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Students and Nurses Christian Fellowship. Her honors include the Dean's List and recipient of an ICC Foundation scholarship. Among her activities are member of Trinity Baptist Church, volunteer firefighter with the Fulton Fire Department and treasurer of the Volunteer Fireman Club. She is a graduate of New Hope High School. She is married to Patrick Homan, and her parents are Dane and Angie Boyd.

Also an Associate Degree Nursing major at ICC, Collins is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and past member of ICC's All-American Marching Band. Her honors include the President's List. She is a graduate of South Pontotoc High School. Collins is children's choir director, member of the Praise Team and activities committee and volunteer with Life Recovery Ministry at Call by Faith Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Mary Collins and Matt Collins.

Criteria for scholarships include current enrollment in a Mississippi School of Nursing; Mississippi resident; minimum 2.5 grade point average; full-time generic undergraduate second-year student in good academic standing; professional character, leadership, scholarship and service; community involvement, recipient of awards or honors and School of Nursing activities.

Those who receive the stipend must be a Mississippi resident; have a nursing license plate on their personal vehicle at the time of application and maintain during receipt of funding; be a full-time student in an accredited Associate or Baccalaureate Nursing program in Mississippi; hold and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in undergraduate curriculum and earn a GPA of at least 3.0 for courses taken each semester of the stipend (fall and spring); provide official transcript from the last completed college semester; sign a contract with the Mississippi Nurses Foundation to work as a full-time nurse in Mississippi within the first two years following completion of the program; submit three letters of reference and write a 500-word essay relating the value of nursing to the nursing student, Mississippi and the patient.

Both are made possible by the Nurses Car Tag Program.

Practical Nursing graduates to participate in Dec. 8 ceremony

Staff Reports

Graduates of ICC's Practical Nursing program will receive pins and lamps during a special ceremony, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

They include Hailey Page, DeAnna Williams, both of **Amory**; Breia Foster, Brittany Woods, both of **Belden**; Lakyn Sparks of **Belmont**; Tatiana Selmon of **Corinth**; Rose Boone of **Guntown**; Carlie Robinson of **Houlka**; Maggie Mann of **Maben**; Taylor Hindman of **Nettleton**; Whitney Ball, Alica Hard, both of **Pontotoc**; Jordan Allison of **Tremont**; Blakely Bogan, Sarah Burns, Jamesha Lyons, Aaliyah Spearman, all of **Tupelo**.

Practical Nursing is a one-year (three-semester) program. Upon completion, graduates receive a certificate of completion and are eligible to take the NCLEX (national board examination) to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Dr. Lisa Pearson of **Amory** is the program director. Instructors include Tammy Jones of **Pontotoc**, Lisa McNeese of **Smithville** and Patricia Robbins of **Mantachie**.

Schools
From page one

Students will have a speific ACCESS adviser, who will also serve as a mentor, to monitor them throughout the semester. Once they have completed their Enhanced ACCESS semester courses, they will be transitioned to their "School of" adviser.

"Itawamba Community College has been looking at schools of arts for a comple of years, and students have actually inquired about this, which is exciting that they want to have a sense of belonging to their area of study and their career pathway that would be reflected on their transcript and graduation diploma," said President Dr. Jay Allen.

"The Schools of Academics are connected to their career pathways to give ICC's students an opportunity to be cohorted because they will see each other in the classrooms and at meetings and in other areas where we can pair them with industry partners and professionals, in essence, to come in and share with them about the profession they are looking at, internships, opportunities to shadow those professionals and to do observations that many times are needed, and especially with pre-health professionals in order for them to be a candidate for that program of study. We're just excited to bring our students another opportunity to gain interest, knowledge and understanding of the professions that they are looking to go into.

"We pride ourselves in giving students engagement opportunities both in and out of the classroom, and our student activities are often where we find engagement. There are those in the academic arena as well. This will be an enhanced version where what they are doing in the classroom will also be paired with industry professionals that they are going to hear from and an opportunity to develop relationships across the whole college, all locations. They may find a study or internship partner, develop leadership skills and see the long-term outcome of what they are studying. Our industry partners will also benefit because they come in and invest in what could be their future workforce."

ICC Dean of Advising Mande Miller said that the Schools of will help students align their college expectations to their future goals "based on their personal career aspirations. We met with students in focus groups as we were discussing Schools of, and they were so excited because they would have connections in their program of study, peers to collaborate with and establish the opportunity for student groups, which hadn't been possible." Miller said that all information on each School of is availabe at www.iccms.edu, which also links to advising.

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

1) Lock all doors and windows.

2) Close all blinds.

3) Turn off lights.

4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.

5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.

6) Make no noise.

7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

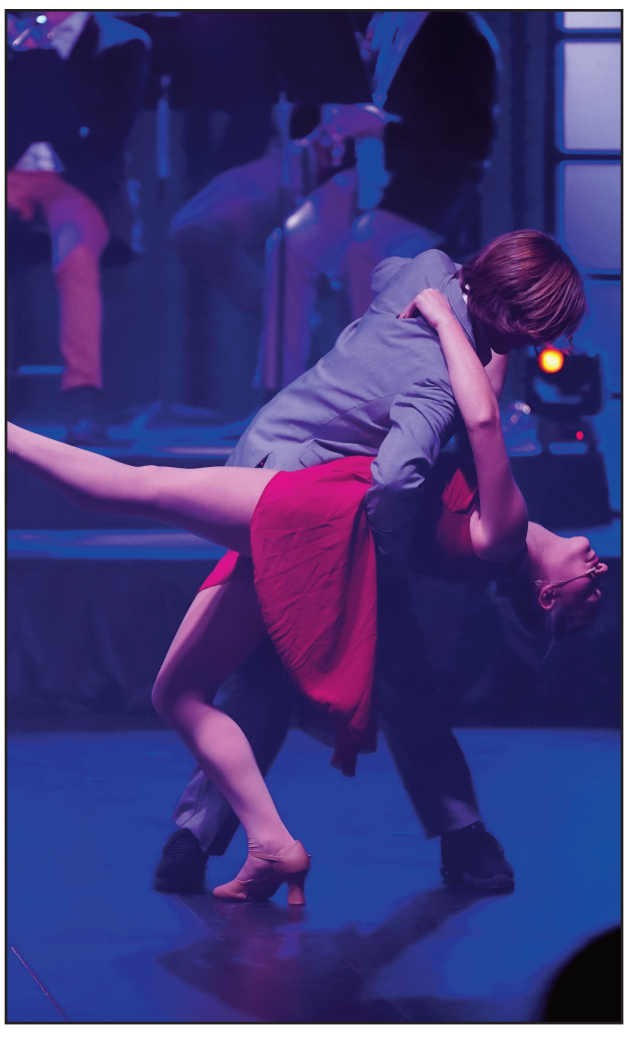
Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752
ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750
ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751

For more information about ICC emergency procedures... www.iccms.edu

ICC's CenterStage performs selections focused on "Oh the Places I'll Go" during its Nov. 15 concert at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium.

The Places I'll Go



ICC...#betterthanever

Members of ICC's newly selected Orientation Leaders for the 2023 spring semester include, in no particular order, Claire Caldwell, Jolie Bishop, Reece Cantrell, Drew Edgeworth, Ally Thompson, Emma Horton, Addision Pletzke, Emma Grace Allen, Lia Darracott, Aubrey Eaton, Hoyt Smith, ZaMarion Jones, Hayes Merritt, Jordan Springer, Anna Maldonado, Emma Mask, Jordan Allen, Tanner Owens and Will Gibson.

ICC selects 2023 orientation leaders

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has selected leaders for its 2023 freshman orientation sessions, which begin next spring.

They include Claire Caldwell of **Algoma**; Jolie Bishop, Reece Cantrell, Drew Edgeworth, Ally Thompson, all of **Amory**; Emma Horton of **Caledonia**; Addison Pletzke of **Clinton**; Emma Grace Allen, Lia Darracott, both of **Fulton**; Aubrey Eaton, Hoyt Smith, both of **Houston**; ZaMarion Jones of **Louin**; Hayes Merritt of **Millport, Ala.**; Jordan Springer of **Mooreville**; Anna Maldonado, Emma Mask, both of **Nettleton**; Jordan Allen of **Ridgeland**; Tanner Owens of **Saltillo** and Will Gibson of **Tupelo**.

They will lead small group activities, conduct campus tours and provide information to incoming freshmen during the orientation sessions.

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Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing an acceptable high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete an acceptable high school equivalency test or qualify under a Mississippi Ability to Benefit State Process in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271 or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

In compliance with Title Iv of the Civil Rights At of 1964; TitleIX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Community Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

www.iccms.edu
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Get involved!

Join a club or organization at ICC!

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It just wouldn't be the holidays without a parade...

It looks a lot like Christmas!

Cannon steps down as head football coach

Staff Reports

Coach Sean Cannon has stepped down as head coch of ICC's football team, as shared in a college announcement.

The 25-year coaching veteran helped lead ICC to a 40-38 overall record (30-23 in conference play) during his nine seasons as head coach. The Indians advanced to the 2015 playoffs and earned a share of the North Division title in 2014, 17 and 19, but missed the playoffs due to the conference tiebreaker rules.

In 2014, Cannon was named the 11th head coach in the history of the Indians' football program. He had spent the previous four seasons as the program's defensive coordinator and assistant head coach under Coach Jon Williams.

"Coach Cannon has served as a mentor on- and off-the-field for many student-athletes during his tenure," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "His ability to hold players accountable while participating in his program was second-to-none in adding to the character development of the students."

During Cannon's 13 years in Fulton, he consisently guided the Indians to Top 25 finishes in every defensive category. He and his staff also helped over 100 student-athletes continue their education through scholarship opportunities to the next level.

The search for a new coach is underway.

Indian football

Eight players named to All-MACCC North Division

Staff Reports

Eight Itawamba Community College football players were named to the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference All-MACCC North Division Teams at season's end.

Sophomore wide receiver Shamar Sandgren of Savannah, Ga. was the lone Indian to receive first team honors, but tight end Jamal Brooks of Ripley, punter Price Nixon of Clinton, linebacker Brandon Fairley of Lake Cormorant, defensive back Darryen Hobbs of Olive Branch and defensive lineman Chris Rogers of Atlanta, Ga. were all named to the second team.

Wide receiver Azaria Smith of Tipton, Ga. and offensive lineman Qu'Darius Hodges of Batesville earned Honorable Mention recognition as well.

Sandgen caught 23 passes for 408 yards and a team-high five touchdowns in seven games last season, highlighted by a 75-yard touchdown reception that sparked a comeback in the 35-28 win over Holmes.

Brooks had six catches for 22 yards and 46 carries for 141 yards and two touchdowns during his sophomore season. Both of his touchdowns came in the Indians' 55-21 road win over Mississippi Delta.

With his punting yardage being 13th in the nation, Nixon who booted 44 punts for 1,672 yards, averaged 38 yards per punt last season and landed six inside the 20. He was also a perfect 14-14 on extra points and 2-for-4 on field goals.

ICC's Shamar Sandgren, who was named to the MACCC first team, is in action against the Coahoma Tigers.

The trio of Fairley, Hobbs and Rogers anchored the Indian defense that finished in the top 10 nationally with 723 total tackles.

In addition, Fairley and Hobbs were two of the Indians' top tacklers. Fairley finished with the second highest on the team with 67 tackles, and Hobbs followed with 66. Fairley also had one sack on the season, and Hobbs had two forced fumbles and one interception.

Rogers finished the season with 37 tackles, six sacks and a forced fumble.

Smith, who led the Indians with 33 receptions for 617 yards, picked up two touchdowns through the air. He also ran the ball 19 times for 69 yards and two touchdowns. Smith also took some snaps at quarterback, completing two passes for 31 yards.

Hodges was an anchor on the offensive front that helped the Tribe to 2,654 yards of total offense.

Four ICC soccer players earn All-MACCC honors

Staff Reports

Four Itawamba Community College soccer players were named All-Mississippi Association of Community College Conference.

They include Madison Copeland of Tupelo, Gage Lashlee of Olive Branch, Malte Nickelsen of Reinbeck, Germany and Ian Thomas of Southaven.

Copeland, a sophomore defensive back, earned second team honors. She anchored the Lady Indians' defensive line this season, playing impressive defense and providing one goal, a game-winning header off a corner kick in the Lady Indians' 2-1 win over Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Nickelsen, a freshman defensive back, was named Second-Team All-MACCC. The newcomer was the leader on the Indians' backline, directing a tough defense throughout the season. He had one goal on the year in the Indians' 4-1 win over Holmes Community College.

Lashlee and Thomas, both freshmen midfieleders, earned all-conference honorable mention. The duo led the Indians on both ends of the ball, while combining for 23 points on the season. Thomas led the team with five goals while adding two assists and 14 points. Lashlee had two goals and a team-best five assists on the season while registering nine points.

To the next level

ICC student-athletes to continue play

Sarah Allyn Thornell
Christian Brothers

George Marshall
Morehead State University

Che'mya Carouthers
Alabama State University

#RollTribe

Tribe Talk

ELIJAH COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Most people think athletes are quitters, but athletes are great workers. They love to work hard and get after each other every day and compete to make them and their teammates better. Itawamba student-athletes are a great example because they all have a mindset and goal to compete and win a national championship for the school.

For them to accomplish this, they also can't quit in the classroom because that's where it all starts. Student-athletes must work hard in the classroom, study hard and make academic success a priority because academic success translates to athletic success on the field, court or pitch.

To not be a quitter on the field, court or pitch, you must be dedicated to what you love. Athletes must pay attention at what's going on in practice, work hard in the weight room and give it their all every time their number is called. When an athlete pays attention in practice and buys in 100 percent to everything that the coach is saying, he or she will accomplish more. It also helps the student-athlete to want to be successful in life.

However, the news and social media are full of stories about athletes who are quick to enter the transfer portal or quit the team just because things don't go as they want or expect. In high school, many of them are "stars" and have been treated as such. When they reach the collegiate level, they become one of the team and must play that way. They must play as hard as possible, if and when their number is called, to ensure a TEAM win. If they are stars in the process, that is even better. Competition is awesome, but it must be for the betterment of the team!

So,when you see student-athletes walking around with pride, just know they are working as hard as they possibly can to be great, not only in their sport and in the classroom, but also in life. Many of them come from nothing, and when they look at how far they have come and are attaining their goals, that is even more of an incentive not to quit, because they want to be somebody one day.

This is what ICC's student-athletes are all about...not giving up on life and their sport. Also, they can look back and tell their story of what they accomplished in life, both individually and as a team. Just remember that teams full of quitters and those who want to take all the credit won't be successful.

So, if you want to know the difference in quitters and ballplayers, check out ICC's student-athletes and what how they get it every second they're playing...because, you see, it's a TEAM effort...ROLL TRIBE!!

Takin' it to the rack!

Box scores

INDIANS

ICC 99, Miss. Delta 91
Josh Lee, Kolby Horace, German Marshall, 15 each

ICC 84, Huntingdon 46
Josh Lee, George Marshall, 13 each

ICC 73, Lawson State 64
Joseph James, 16

ICC 86, Bevill State 73
George Marshall, 20

ICC 98, Stillman 65
George Marshall, 19

ICC 83, Bevill State 66
George Marshall, 23

East Central 93, ICC 84
Josh Lee, George Marshall, 18 each

ICC 89, Stillman 46
George Marshall 24

LADY INDIANS

ICC 72, Columbia St. 40
Makayla Rieves, 19

ICC 82, Huntingdon, 28
Makayla Rieves, 20

ICC 71, Wallace St. 61
Allie Beckley, 13

ICC 65, Calhoun 57
Jasirae Vick, Makayla Rieves, 10 each

ICC 92, Motlow State 40
Shayla Golden, 19

ICC 65, Columbia St. 50
Ayonna Naylor, 13

Meet the Indians

Spring Sports
January 18
6 p.m.
Davis Event Center
Fulton Campus

Itawamba Community College Sports...

ON THE SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

12.10	@Lawson State	3 p.m.
1.05	@Miss. Delta	6 p.m.
1.09	Northeast	5:30 p.m.
1.12	@Pearl River	6 p.m.
1.17	Coahoma	5:30 p.m.
1.19	@East Central	6 p.m.
1.23	Hinds	5:30 p.m.
1.30	@Meridian	6 p.m.
2.02	Miss. Gulf Coast	5:30 p.m.
2.06	@Northwest	6 p.m.
2.09	Southwest	5:30 p.m.
2.13	@Co-Lin	6 p.m.
2.16	East Miss.	5:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

12.6	@Calhoun	6 p.m.
12.8	Motlow State	5:30 p.m.
1.05	Miss. Delta	5:30 p.m.
1.09	@Northeast	6 p.m.
1.12	Pearl River	5:30 p.m.
1.17	@Coahoma	6 p.m.
1.19	@East Central	5:30 p.m.
1.23	@Hinds	5:30 p.m.
1.30	Meridian	5:30 p.m.
2.02	@MGCCC	6 p.m.
2.06	Northwest	5:30 p.m.
2.09	@Southwest	6 p.m.

Note that schedules could change due to weather or other circumstances.

ROLL TRIBE!

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Merry Christmas

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